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Dear Provider:

Between January 1, 2003 and March 31, 2003, Michigan Medicaid, Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS), and/or Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS) beneficiaries will receive a permanent plastic identification card called the **mihealth** ("my health") **card**. Each beneficiary will receive one permanent **mihealth card** that will replace the monthly paper cards, which will no longer be issued after April 1, 2003.

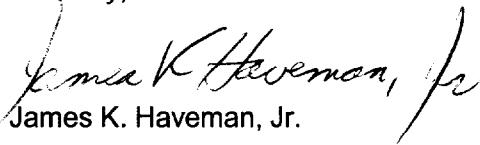
The **mihealth card** will contain the beneficiary name and beneficiary ID number (8-digit Medicaid, CSHCS, or MOMS ID number) on the front of the card but will not contain eligibility information and will not guarantee eligibility. Providers must use the **mihealth card** to access a beneficiary's eligibility information on the Eligibility Verification System (EVS) by entering the beneficiary ID number or swiping the card using a magnetic strip reader* to verify eligibility for Medicaid, CSHCS, or MOMS prior to rendering services.

The provider should verify health program eligibility before rendering any service. If the beneficiary does not have a **mihealth card**, the provider can also access a beneficiary's eligibility information on the EVS with the following additional search methods: 1. Beneficiary ID number (8-digit Medicaid, CSHCS, or MOMS ID number), 2. Beneficiary social security number and date of birth, or 3. Beneficiary name and SSN (or date of birth).

The Department of Community Health and MediFAX EDI will be conducting informational seminars to introduce the **mihealth card** and electronic funds transfer, discuss magnetic swipe card readers and software, and answer questions concerning this technology upgrade. The **mihealth card** seminars will last approximately two hours. There will be no advance registration for these seminars. See the attached document for information for seminar locations, dates and times.

If you have any questions, contact Jamy Hengesbach at 517-335-6168 or e-mail at hengesbachj@michigan.gov.

Cordially,


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*The **mihealth card** uses magnetic swipe technology that allows providers to access beneficiary eligibility information in a quick and easy manner with the use of a magnetic strip reader. For more information on magnetic strip readers and software, contact the MediFAX EDI Inside Sales Representative at 1-800-819-5003.

Area	Date	Registration Time	Seminar Time	Room	Site
Marquette	Tues. 10/29/02	8:30am	9-11am	Lake Room	Holiday Inn 1951 US 41 West Marquette, MI 49855
		12:30pm	1-3pm		
Petoskey	Wed. 10/30/02	12:30pm	1-3pm	Library Conference Center Rooms 1 & 2	North Central Michigan College 1515 Howard Petoskey, MI 49770
Grayling	Thurs. 10/31/02	8:30am	9-11am	Conference Center/Art Gallery	Kirtland Community College 10775 N St. Helen Rd. Roscommon, MI 48653
		12:30pm	1-3pm		
Flint	Tues. 11/5/02	8:30am	9-11am	Michigan Rooms	University of Michigan—Flint Harding Mott University Ctr. Flint, MI
		12:30pm	1-3pm		
Saginaw	Wed. 11/6/02	8:30am	9-11am	Curtiss Hall—Groening Commons	Saginaw Valley State University 7400 Bay Rd. University Ctr, MI 48710
		12:30pm	1-3pm		
Grand Rapids	Thurs. 11/7/02	8:30am	9-11am		Hilton Grand Rapids Airport 4747 28th St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512
		12:30pm	1-3pm		
Warren	Mon. 1/6/03	8:30am	9-11am	K Bldg Room 324	Macomb Community College 14500 E 12 Mile Road Warren, MI 48088
		12:30pm	1-3pm		
Southfield	Tues. 1/7/03	8:30am	9-11am		Holiday Inn—Southfield 26555 Telegraph Rd. Southfield, MI 48034
		12:30pm	1-3pm		
Ann Arbor	Wed. 1/8/03	8:30am	9-11am	Salon A&B	Holiday Inn--Ann Arbor N Campus 3600 Plymouth Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48105
		12:30pm	1-3pm		
Kalamazoo	Tues. 1/14/03	8:30am	9-11am	Recital Hall--Light Fine Arts Bldg.	Kalamazoo College 1200 Academy Kalamazoo, MI 49006
		12:30pm	1-3pm		
Lansing	Thurs. 1/16/03	8:30am	9-11am	Imperial Room	Holiday Inn South Convention Ctr. 6820 S. Cedar St. Lansing, MI 48911
		12:30pm	1-3pm		
Dearborn	Tues. 2/4/03	8:30am	9-11am	Florence Room	Holiday Inn--Fairlane/Dearborn 5801 Southfield Service Dr. Detroit, MI 48228
		12:30pm	1-3pm		
Wayne State University	Wed. 2/5/03	8:30am	9-11am	Conference Room B/C	Wayne State University--McGregor Conference Ctr. 495 W. Ferry Mall Detroit, MI 48202
		12:30pm	1-3pm		